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R. McCORD FOUND GUILTY

Santa Fe Bus Hearing Now On In Los Angeles

ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEFENSE PETITION FOR NEW TRIAL, CLAIMING A MISTRIAL.

FLASH—Latest news in the McCord Case is that Judge Bray did not sentence today, as next Tuesday has been set aside to hear the motion for a new trial prepared by the attorneys for the defense and we therefore offer a continuation of the report as made by Katherine McCracken, special staff writer for the PROGRESS in attending the trial:

NOTES ON McCORD TRIAL

By Katherine McCracken

The McCord Trial re-opened in Martinez Monday morning at ten o'clock with no abatement of interest on the part of the people of Contra Costa County who were again jammed to the doors and even overflowing into the corridor.

Part of the morning was spent in making and signing stipulations by the various attorneys in the case , the defense under the able attorney of Richmond, Thomas M. Carlson, who has associated with him Robert Collins, of Richmond and Ralph H. Wight, Mrs. McCord attorney. They moved to have the case dismissed and Superior Judge A. F. Bray ruled that the prosecution had failed to sustain the indictment on charges one and three but that the true bill charging the defendant with presenting a false claim to the county for $68.98 yet stood as the charge upon which she was being tried.

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Then the fireworks started and the second lap of the trial moved on. First the defense brought to the witness stand Mrs. Anna Belshaw, assistant purchasing agent, who testified that the claim for $68.98 was presented by and paid by her to Mrs. Iona Booth. This, I understand, was a surprise move by the prosecution and was quite effective.

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This situation was handled later by the prosecuting attorney, who drew attention to the fact that among the many thousands of claims handled by the county purchasing department it was rather singular that Mrs. Belshaw did remember this particular claim, and he also drew attention to the fact that Mrs. Iona Booth would have had to make a trip to Martinez as her office was in Richmond and that Mrs. McCord's office was in Martinez where the claim was presented.

Here is the "inside" on travel comfort via the Santa Fe System in California. Left is an interior view of the new Santa Fe motor stage. On the right, the "inside" of modern all-steel day-coach; air-conditioned, seats 52 passengers with lounging rooms comparable to a Pullman car. Designed and built for Santa Fe patrons. California travelers will enjoy inside comfort at 1½c per mile fare if permission is granted by the State Railroad Commission. In addition, a one-ticket service on both coach and motor stage will be available via the Santa Fe.

Washington School Broken Into

The Washington School was entered last Tuesday night by persons unknown and the rooms of Mrs. Roeder and Mrs. Walker were completely ransacked and left in great disorder. It is hoped the culprits will be speedily apprehended and brought to justice.

Mrs. Ruth McCord was then brought to the witness stand to testify in her own behalf and under the careful and tactful questioning of Mr. Carlson she made a fine impression. She told a clear story, the weak part of which was that she left Martinez intending to spend the night in Sacramento and then return to Martinez the next morning, but at the same time claiming that she was without funds, and that she was distressed and upset because members of her family who reside in Palo Alto had failed to appear with her at the investigation of the Grand Jury, and presumably would also fail to appear for her trial if it occurred. She halted a short time in Sacramento, and then took another train to Reno where she took a bus to Salt Lake City.

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On cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney Rex Boyer, who produced a transcript of the testimony made by her before the grand jury, things took on a different light. In the Grand Jury investigation she had testified directly opposite to what she had in the first part of her testimony in the present trial; and she left the stand having damaged her case to such an extent that no attorney,

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TAX SALE OF STATE LAND

People of the county are becoming real estate minded, and Ray L. Riley, State Controller, is making it possible for the purchase of state tax deeded land at small prices.

The sales that have been conducted by Martin W. Joost, Tax Collector, as the agent of the state official, are attracting many to the sales.

The next sale of fand, deeded to the State for the non-payment of toxes, will take place in the office of the tax collector, Mr. Joost, on Friday at 10:00 A. M., March 6th.

EEP DRAMATIC CLASSES ARE NOW UNDER WAY

Rapid progress is being shown by the five classes in dramatic art and the theatre, according to Mr Ralph Cassero, local director of the EEP project.

Several plays are now being arranged, rehearsed, and will soon be ready to be presented to th public. The dates of the showing will be announced later in March

If there are any adults who are interested in dramatics it is not to late to enter as there are opening in several of the classes. Instruction and coaching is free of charge

You may register with Mr. R Cassero at the Longfellow J[illegible]o High School on Tuesday and or Thursday nights, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 16.

(Again we ask, who of us common people can object to lowe fares? More power to the Santa Fe in this battle which will bring benefit to us—Ed.)

(FLASH—In this evening's edition the editor of the Richmond Independent states that the waste basket gets the Santa Fe accounts of the bus franchise hearing now in progress at Los Angeles and that that paper will rely on regular wire service covering the hearing. Inasmuch as the "regular wire services" did not evidently see fit to send any news of this important battle for lower fares as we saw no news in last night's paper on the subject, we take this opportunity to state that there is one newspaper—the PROGRESS—in Richmond that is [illegible] anxious, to print all the details of this momentous trial, not only because the Santa Fe has been a major factor in building Richmond but because, in this instance, the battle of the Santa Fe, for competition and lower rates is a battle that is in the interest of the common people—and that kind of news always has and always will get first page prominence in THIS paper.—Editor.)

mendously large group of people who are now using private automobiles, and a combination of low fares, flexibility and frequent service together with combined bus and rail service, will make it increasingly desirable for automobile owners to use the stage and train.

Mr. Bledsoe's Answer

"Present high fares are in large measure responsible for unprofitable rail operations. I desire to make it extremely clear that our basic rate of one and one half cents per mile has not been adopted recklessly. Our investigation has convinced us that the lower fare will actually prove more profitable."

PRESIDENT OF SANTA FE TELLS OF NEW PLANS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE, LOW FARES

Couching in homely language the attitude of his company in its determination to make it a "finish fight" in the California transportation welfare case now in progress at Los Angeles, Samuel T. Bledsoe who is president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railways told the State Railroad Commission this morning: "I do not propose to surrender."

Santa Fe Will Fight for Rights

Mr. Bledsoe lost no opportunity during the long hours he was on the witness stand to stress the determination of the Santa Fe to regain its prestige in the passenger field in California. Out of the vast volume of privately owned and driven cars the Santa Fe rail and stage systems hope to increase their business, according to the testimony of Mr. Bledsoe. He reiterated charges made previously by Santa Fe counsel that a virtual monopoly exists in transportation between Northern and Southern California.

The Santa Fe chief stated that his company contemplates for daily stage schedules between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Until the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge is completed these busses will use the ferry between those two cities. He said the Santa Fe plans a coordinated rail and bus service, using stages between Los Angeles and Bakersfield and between Bakersfield and Oakland.

Better Service Promised

Mr. Bledsoe stated that the Santa Fe's operating department had been authorized to expedite the schedules of the two existing passenger trains each way between Bakersfield and San Francisco so that the average time elapsed between these points will be in the neighborhood of nine hours. Also that modern streamlined trains will be operated so as to cut the running time to 10 hours between Los Angeles and San Francisco and that these trains, one each way daily, will be operated in addition to the two now running between the two large California cities.

Replying to questions of counsel Mr. Bledsoe said the financial ability and integrity of the Santa Fe Railway is behind the applications of the Santa Fe Transportation Company for certificates of convenience and neccessity to operate in California on a point-to-point or intrastate basis. Mr. Bledsoe said that the great reservoir to which he looks for restoration of passenger travel is to be found in the tre-

HONEYMOON MURDER

CAROLYN WELLS

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CHAPTER IX—Continued

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When Simpson heard the details of death in a locked room, he rubbed his hands in satisfaction.

"Secret passage?" he asked first.

"No, nor any of the other regular and orthodox explanations. We've been all over them and not one fits."

"Hermetically sealed room, eh?"

"Just exactly that. Now as there's no sign of a weapon in either case, what can we look for but poison?"

"Looks like it. Autopsy this time?"

"Yes. Medical examiner and local G. P. Both signed the certificate that there was no trace or hint of poison of any sort, known or unknown."

"No curare, no datura?"

"Just that. And no new, inexplicable type of virulent poison that can be imagined or invented."

"H'm. And just what am I to do?"

"Help me in any way you can. But mostly, dig up the cause of death."

"Organs?"

"Will be at your disposal when you want them. Do you have to have those of both?"

"Don't be silly! Can I make bricks without straw?"

"Oh, all right. Now most important of all, can you get about the matter at once? Can you do it np posthaste? Can you tell me results in a few days if it will save an innocent young woman's arrest, and probably trial and possibly conviction?"

"Whew! That sounds serious."

"It is serious. Listen."

Stone sketched a brief history of the inimical side, showed how bitter and venomous the Malden faction was, and soon extracted Simpson's promise to go at the business with all possible dispatch.

"It's too unbelievable," Simps ruminated. "Poison it's got to be, because it can't be anything else. But what poison? There can't be a new poison available that no one knows anything about. There can't be a resultant death from poison that leaves no trace whatever. They say there is, but there isn't. Except—no, that won't do. Who had access to these two victims that knows — really knows — anything about poison?"

"Nobody knows anything about poisons but you, old man; that's why I'm here. And anyway, if somebody did, he wasn't there to administer it. You can't suspect a bride, on her wedding trip?"

"I can't suspect anybody. Why can't one suspect a bride?"

"We won't argue that; let's keep to the point."

"Very well. Then how about the murderer being some man in love with the bride and also wanting her fortune?"

"Commonplace, but suppose it if you want to. I only want the way it was done. Is there a poison, which could kill some time after it was administered?"

"Perhaps. But only after a painful and lingering agony. None, which would allow the victim to slip to the floor and die quietly, or to die quietly in his bed."

"You see a resemblance, then? In the cases, I mean?"

"Resemblance? They are identical. You see, the hotel room was practically sealed because of the fact the two people were shut in it alone. And the second case, the young man was in a sealed room, you say. So we're hunting for a method of death, which will not be prevented or impeded by obstacles of any sort."

"Bringing it back to the miraculous."

"If you like. Do you suspect any of the party or household or who ever were concerned?"

"None of them knows anything about medicine or toxicology."

"Yet the deed was done."

"Yes, and it's up to me to discover who did it, and how and why Simps."

"I don't apprehend a new poison, Stone. If it is poison, it is a new way of using it, or an ingenious method of application—oh, well, when we have the post mortem we'll know."

CHAPTER X

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"AND you'll make all the haste possible," said Fleming Stone.

"Of course," replied Doctor Simpson. "You know that without my telling you. You'll have to be here; my eyes are not all they used to be, and I don't want to drag in outsiders. I'll call you as soon as I can use you."

"I wish you could keep that poor girl out of trouble, Mrs. Malden, I mean."

"Poor child. I'll do all I can. Why in the world do they accuse her of the second death, too?"

"Only because the old dame is looney. I mean really touched, not just angry and excitable."

"Oh, I doubt she's demented. However, that's outside my jurisdiction. You keep a watch on her, though; she may do the little lady harm."

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Fleming Stone sat at his wide-flat-topped desk, with many papers spread out before him.

He had a secretary, and a competent one, but his work was largely that of research, and seldom had to do with sorting or filing documents.

Most of the letters before the detective at the moment were those which had made up the packet Stone took from Bob Coles' suitcase when in Scottstown.

To Stone's disappointment they had not amounted to much, but a sudden thought had turned his attention back to the mass of documents. Hastily he ran over letters from friends of Corey Malden, as well as small scraps of memoranda or old notes written by the same people, yet not in any way connected with the matter in hand.

Yet he studied them all with meticulous care, and sorted them into neat piles of corresponding penmanship.

"There it is," he said to himself, "as plain as day. No chance of mistaking it."

He reached for a good-sized book from the shelves behind him and read the marked paragraphs over.

"This is the sign of a love or large sums of money, and its prevalence in handwriting has to be carefully estimated. To find one a or o, which has this break, would have slight significance. One or two, even, might be accidents, but not when the break is constantly repeated."

He called his secretary from the next room.

"Plum," he said, as the man appeared, "I'm going 'round to see Miss Curry, the graphologist. Hold the fort and learn anything you can from callers, but tell no one where I've gone."

In less than a half hour he was earnestly talking with the young woman whom he considered the best hand-writing expert he knew.

"You're right, Mr. Stone," she said, after studying the specimens he showed her. "That sign is unmistakable and undeniable. An opening at the top of a small a or a small o, merely means garrulity or generosity, but an opening, be it ever so tiny, at the bottom, is something to ponder over. This formation is well-nigh impossible to imitate. To show its full significance it must be universal in the person's writing.

"This is the sign of that trait of humanity which makes them tempted, not by small peculations, but by thefts of very large sums.

"Moreover, this formation indicates mathematical talent. And so these writers frequently attain positions of trust and at skilled labor. It is easily recognized and it is impossible for the man who uses it to control his hand so that he shall not use it."

"This is all most interesting, Miss Curry. To be sure, I have read it in your book, but it is far more definite to hear you say it. I'd rather not show you the writing of this man—"

"It is not necessary, Mr. Stone. The opening at the bottom of the letter is, I am sure, always there. It may be almost undiscoverable, even with a strong lens, but it is there, as you will find, if you try hard enough."

"Do you often meet this letter formation in specimens sent to you to analyze?"

"No; such people and their friends, if the friends know about it, prefer to keep such things hidden. In fact, I have never seen a clearer, more positive delineation of it than the one you showed me."

"I Don't Apprehend a New Poison, Stone."

"All graphologists know of this fact, of course?"

"Oh, yes; and many laymen."

Stone showed Miss Curry a few letters he wanted to know about, and then, the interview over, he went home.

"Guess I'll have to study up on it a bit," he told himself.

He went over his letters and papers again.

He had told Bob to get all possible bits of handwriting done by anyone connected with the case, and he had also told him to cut off all names or addresses, which would help to identify them.

Moreover, he found that two of the specimens, by different hands, both bore that strange o broken at the base.

One of these he knew to be that of the lawyer, Farman.

It would be plausible enough to think that Farman was eager for a large sum of money, but far from likely that he stood any chance of getting it. If he proposed to loot the Malden coffers he would have to get up very early in the morning. The other one was to ridiculous to think about. Might as well suspect Perilla herself.

He continued his task of reading over the letters. It might be possible, he thought, that Miss Curry's information should add some little light on the dark outlook.

The names of the men he sought for were almost never mentioned. He discovered the minor fact that Roger Garth studied to be a doctor before he decided to be a lawyer. Also, a note added in Bob's hand stated that Tony Gaskell had worked in a chemical laboratory many years ago, and that Bob himself wished he might do the same.

It was then that Stone concluded to go to see Mrs. Coles. He felt he ought to do so anyway, but he hoped to learn something pertinent to Bob or Bob's work.

To his surprise and satisfaction he found the lady was visiting friends in New York and therefore he need not go to Philadelphia. It was not such a long journey, but Stone's time was valuable, and he had a lot to do.

So after telephoning for an appointment to call, the detective went that afternoon to see Bob's mother.

He found a sweet-faced, fair-haired little lady who greeted him with a sad smile.

"I am glad to see you," she said, "because Bob had grown very fond of you. He had thought of being a doctor or rather a chemical expert—I don't know just what they call them—but he changed entirely and wanted only to be a detective."

"I wish he might have done so," Stone responded. "I should have been glad and proud to have him for my assistant.

"You won't mind if I ask you some questions, will you?" Stone said. "I know you want to know the truth, whatever it may be."

"Why, I do know it," said Mrs. Coles, in evident astonishment. "I know my boy is dead. What more is there to know?"

"You're satisfied that his was a natural death?"

"Oh, yes. What else could it be? Surely nobody would want to kill my boy! That would be too absurd. Why should anyone do that, Mr. Stone?"

"I don't say anyone did, but we detectives have to look at things from all sides, you know."

"Well," said Mrs. Coles, "if you want to question me, go right ahead. But please don't say my Bobby was—killed. I can stand the loss of my boy, my dear one, but I couldn't stand it to think he was—was killed!"

"Of course," Stone said, in agreement. "He was generally well, though, wasn't he?"

"Oh, yes, that. But the doctor told me that heart disease is unusually prevalent just now, and a strong man may be stricken down most unexpectedly."

"Malden was a friend of Bob's, wasn't he?"

"No. I think they never met until the wedding party took place. But Bob liked him immensely. He liked all the crowd. They were a nice lot; he told me all about them. He was there overnight, you know, a sort of house party."

"A gay time, I daresay."

"Not so much that, for they all had colds and took aspirin or something. I think it upset Bob; he never takes nostrums. But the wedding was lovely. I wasn't well enough to go; I'm rather an invalid. But Bob told me all about it."

"As you're his mother, you won't mind this question. Was Bob in love with Mrs. Malden?"

She nodded her head. "Yes," she said, "he was. But nobody could help loving that girl."

"And after Corey died he hoped maybe she might turn to him."

"Yes, Mr. Stone, he did. How you understand! But she only cared for Corey, which was all right, of course. I like a one-man girl. Still if Bob had lived I do believe he could have made her happy."

"I've no doubt of it. You know, Mrs. Coles, I knew our Bob pretty well. He was a fine character. And he was learning every day. He had a real talent for detective work."

Stone stayed a bit longer to cheer her all he could, and then under plea of being a busy man he took his leave.

Reaching home again, Stone found Tony Gaskell there, awaiting him. The two had become friendly, even intimate, in their many conferences as to Perilla's affairs.

"Can you put me up for the night, old chap?" Gaskell said. "I know I've trespassed a lot on your hospitality of late, but I've an early appointment tomorrow morning, and a late one tonight."

"Of course, Gaskell. Just make yourself at home. We'll meet at dinner. I'll be in and out all the afternoon, but we can have a confab this evening."

Stone jumped into his waiting car and gave the chauffeur an address. It proved to be that of a tourist agency, and Stone hastened inside. Looking at various clerks, he saw one of them give him a slight nod. Stone went over to him and sat down till he should be through with his customer.

"Him?" said the detective, ungrammatically, but eagerly.

"Yes, sir. Reservations for Bermuda, day after tomorrow."

"Good. Make me a note of the steamer and time of sailing."

From there Stone went to the home of the district attorney, Morris.

"Any news from the seat of war?" Stone asked.

"No real news. Have you any?"

The district attorney looked anxious. "No, except that no news is always good news."

"Well, you'll hold off a couple of days longer, won't you?"

"If I can. You know, Mr. Stone, I can't have a murder accusation brought to me and take no notice of it whatever. If Farman comes here and says Mrs. Malden poisoned her husband I've got to listen—"

"Yes, but let it go at listening. Tell him you'll take up the matter next week. Listen to me a few moments, Morris."

The district attorney did listen, and was really impressed by what he heard.

"I didn't mean to tell you quite so much," the detective stated, "but this latest development makes action imperative at once, and I can't act if you and Farman are hobnobbing."

"I see that, of course, but I can promise nothing. If Farman comes in I'll do the best I can to meet your wishes. That's all I can say."

"Pray Heaven, he holds off a bit," said Stone, earnestly, for that holding off might mean life or death to somebody.

"Oh, well, it will probably drift along all right. And I promise you I'll do the very best I can in your interest and young Mrs. Malden's."

Stone left the district attorney in an uncertain mood, but Morris was slowly and surely coming around to the detective's view of the matter.

CHAPTER XI

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WHEN Farman came on his momentous errand District Attorney Morris greeted him with little enthusiasm.

"It's a terrible thing," Farman said, "to drag the Malden name in the dust, but worse, indeed, to let murder take place without question or comment."

"Why are you so sure it is murder?" asked Morris. "Have you evidence, witnesses, testimony—in a word, are you ready to conduct a murder trial?"

"We are ready, or can get ready for anything that means law and justice."

"Then go and get ready and come back when you are all prepared."

This authority, or what seemed like it, given by Morris was just what Farman wanted, and he well knew how to twist the permission to his own ends.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

SOCIETY NEWS ❧ CLUBS ❧ LODGES

Miss Katherine McCracken, Social Editor—Phone Richmond-691W

BAPTIST LADIES AID

The ladies of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilda Brussie on scenic San Pablo Creek Highway, this afternoon. Transportation is to be furnished to those who have no cars available, furnished by the good president, Mrs. R. B. Hamilton.

P. J. Webster, of Scenic Avenue, who has been sailing on the Standard Oil boats, returned last week from a trip to New York. He reports passing through the deep snow and intense cold of the Mid- raging there.

POINT CHAPTER

die West while the storms were

Point Chapter, Order of the Eastehrn Star, held a beautiful initiation ceremony last Tuesday evening in the Point Masonic Temple. This requires a great deal of floor work which was well performed by the various officers.

The rite was conducted under the direction of the able and efficient Worthy Matron Margret Allyn, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer and with Ivor Owens as Worthy Patron. After the ceremony was over the officers, members and guests marched to the banquet ehll where a fine repast was prepared and many after dinner speeches were made.

BISHOP PARSONS TO VISIT TRINITY CHURCH SOON

The Right Reverend Edward LLamb Parsons, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, is to visit Trinity Church in Point Richmond on the Sunday evening of March 15th at 7:30 p.m. Owing to the serious illness of his wife recently this is the first visit to Trinity for some time, and it is hoped that the congregation and friends will fill the Church on the evening of the distinguished prelate's visit. A full vested choir is to be on hand to assist in impressive ceremony Bishop Parsons in giving the rite of confimation.

Little Dianne Allyn has been quite ill at her home on Idaho Avenue, but is recovering nicely.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP ISSUE

Miss Viola Treanor, postmistress of the Point Richmond branch calls our attention to the new issue of postage stamps, commemorating the Texas Centennial. In 1836, the Lone Star State won its independence and the new stamp, purple in color, depicts the portraits of General Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, Texas patriots, while below is the picture of the Alamo, scene of the siege adn battle and which, now on the Plaza in San Antonio is the great historic shrine of Texas.

The stamps were placed on sale in Gonzales, Texas, on Monday; and in Point Richmond, as elsewhere in the U. S. on Tuesday.

This year in Dallas the Texas Centennial Exposition is being held.

Mrs. George Ellis and her two sons, Robert and Billie left the first of the week for Kelseyville for a sojourn on their ranch near theer. It is hoped that the vacation there will bring health and vitality back to these two fine boys, and that when they return to this city they will again be in perfect health. At the present time they are convalescing from a severe attack of influenza.

LOST—Black cat. Two white spots on stomach. Has brown collar with name "Sandy" on it. Bell on collar. Telephone Rich.—1393. Hortense Gnaga.

New Arrival

Mrs. Joseph Muren gave birth to a bouncing baby boy yesterday, March 5th. Mother and child are doing well. Congratulations—to anotehr Point Richmond booster.

Mrs. Norman Miner, who has been in an Oakland Hospital for the past month, returned to her home on Crest Avenue this week, partially recovered but yet under the nurse's care.

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We are happy to learn that Russell Paasch, small son of the Walter Paasch's on West Richmond Avenue, returned home from the hospital this week and is nicely recoverin gfrom a fractured hip which he sustained when he was hit by an automobile at the junction of Richmond and Washington Avenues.

Mr. Frank Leach who has been a winter resident at the Point for many years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leroy Alexander, on Santa Fe Avenue, returned to his summer home in Kansas last week.

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● Check over the need in your house. Has it "on tap" hot water in kitchen, laundry and bathroom? An automatic storage type water heater will provide this complete service economically and efficiently. Or perhaps the long cold rainy season has shown you the need for a more adequate heating system.

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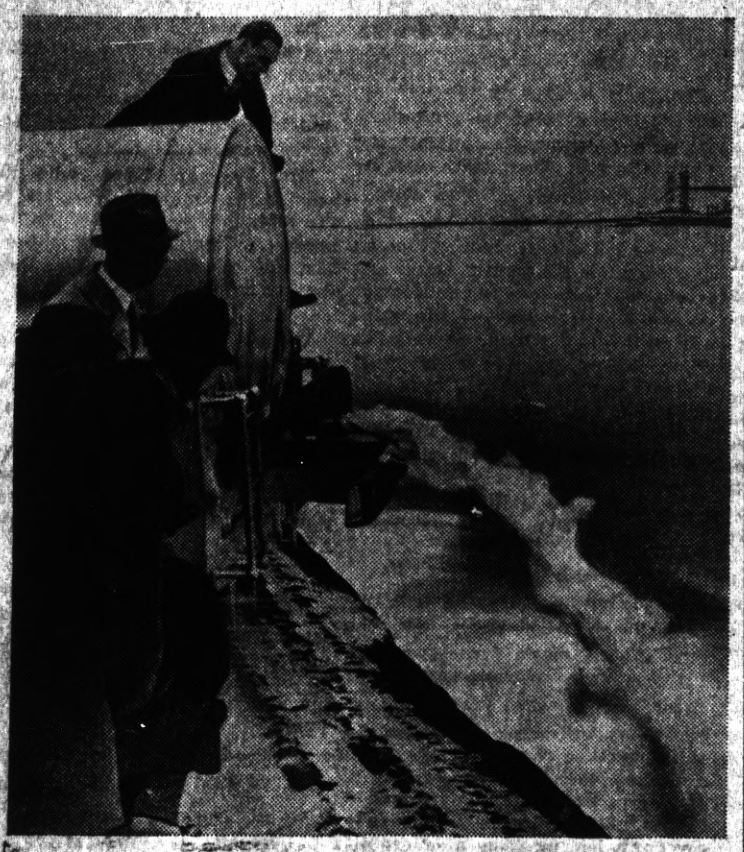

Dumping part of thousands of gallons of adulterated milk into the East river, after the city health department of New York reported that the milk contained at least 10 per cent water. The milk came from a Pennsylvania dairy.

Vice President Has His Own Flag

Vice President Garner is here seen with his own special flag, the first ever made for a Vice President of the United States. In design it is identical with the President's flag, the only difference being that the President's seal is on a blue field and that of the Vice President on a white field; and the President's stars are white while those of the Vice President are blue.

MAY BE IMPEACHED

This is Federal Judge Halstead Ritter of the Southern district of Florida, whose impeachment was recommended by the judiciary committee of the house by a vote of 11 to 7.

Arctic Climatic Changes

The evidence that climatic conditions have changed in the Arctic and Antarctic zones is mainly geologic. It is believed that tropical conditions existed as far north as Greenland between the glacial epochs. Remains of animal and vegetable life have been found in these regions which indicate that once the climate was warm enough to permit of their growth and existence.

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Review of the History-Making Events of the World

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Townsend Plan Inquiry Attracts Attention

WHILE waiting for instructions as to what to do in the matter of taxation, the members of the house—and many others—directed their attention to the investigation of the activities of the Townsend pension plan promoters. Speaker Byrns appointed on the probing committee of eight two avowed Townsendites—John H. Tolan, Democrat, and Samuel L. Collins, Republican, both from California. The chairman is J. Jasper Bell of Missouri, Democrat, author of the resolution for the investigation. It was understood that Mr. Bell had already gathered a mass of information to substantiate the charge that the Townsend plan has become a huge racket. The leaders of both parties in congress have been getting rather nervous over the growth of the Townsend movement and are glad to see it attacked; but some impartial observers call attention to the fact that the way the committee is going after it smacks of unconstitutional abridgement of the right to petition.

J. Jasper Bell

It was expected that one of the first questions to be considered by the committee would be the salaries received by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, author of the scheme, and R. E. Clements, former California real estate operator, co-founder and general manager. Clements has revealed to newspaper reporters that he and Doctor Townsend receive salaries of $100 a week each from OARP—the old age revolving pension organization—and $50 a week each from the Townsend national weekly, which claims a circulation of 250,000. It has been charged on the floor of the house that this newspaper, privately owned by Townsend and Clements, has a reserve fund of at least $200,000.

Congressman John Steven McGroarty, California's "poet laureate," says the Townsendites will control the house of representatives at the next session, and adds: "They have built up the largest political organization in the history of America, with 10 million enrolled members. If you include those who have signed petitions favoring the Townsend plan the number is increased to 30 million. By November it will be twice this large. This investigation will vastly strengthen the Townsend movement and anybody that knows anything knows that. The American people like fair play and they know that this investigation is just dirty politics."

Week-End Activities of President Roosevelt

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT had a busy week-end. First he went to Philadelphia and received from Temple university the honorary degree of doctor of jurisprudence. He delivered an address in the course of which he said: "True education depends upon freedom in the pursuit of truth. No group and no government can properly prescribe precisely what should constitute the body of knowledge with which true education is concerned. The truth is found when men are free to pursue it.

"It is this belief in the freedom of the mind, written into our fundamental law and observed in our every day dealings with the problems of life, that distinguishes us as a nation."

Next the President hurried up to Cambridge, Mass., to see his son John initiated into the old aristocratic Fly club of Harvard. Returning to Hyde Park, Mr. Roosevelt delivered a radio address marking brotherhood day of the national conference of Christians and Jews, and he called on all believing Americans to unite against the wave of irreligion that challenges all faiths. "This is no time," he said, "to make capital of religious disagreement, however honest. It is time, rather, to make capital out of religious understanding. We who have faith cannot afford to fall out among ourselves. The very state of the world is a summons for us to stand together."

Gen. Hagood Punished for New Deal Criticism

MAJ. GEN. JOHNSON HAGOOD recently suggested to the house appropriations subcommittee that congress take advantage of what he termed "WPA stage money" and use it to improve housing at army posts. Within a few days came this order signed by Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff, by order of the secretary of war:

"By order of the President, Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, United States army, is relieved from assignment to the command of the Eighth Corps area and further duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Maj. Gen. Hagood will proceed to his home and await orders. The travel directed is necessary in the military service."

Two Prominent Men Are Claimed by Death

DEATH took from the scene two men prominent in national life—Albert Cabell Ritchie, governor of Maryland for four terms, and Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and distant cousin of the President. Mr. Ritchie was a leader among conservative Democrats, from the start a determined foe of national prohibition, and in 1932 a candidate for the Presidential nomination by his party. Though beaten out by F. D. Roosevelt, he had the satisfaction of seeing his repeal plank put into the Democratic platform. Of late he had been an outspoken critic of the New Deal policies, for he was a champion of state rights.

A. C. Ritchie

Henry L. Roosevelt was the fifth member of his family to serve as assistant secretary of the navy, and in recent months he had played an increasingly important part in the affairs of the department, acting as secretary during the illness of Secretary Swanson. He was a student in the naval academy class of 1909, but left before graduation to become a second lieutenant in the marine corps, in which service he rose to the rank of colonel. He was buried in Arlington National cemetery with full military rites after funeral ceremonies that were attended by President Roosevelt and many other high officials.

Eden Warns That Another World War Impends

CAPT. ANTHONY EDEN, British foreign minister, stood up in the house of commons and warned the world that recurrence of the World war was imminent and in his opinion could not be averted except by a system of collective security "embracing all nations in an authority which is unchallenged and unchallengable."

Eden impressed upon members of the parliament the difference between a policy of collective security and one of encirclement, such as the "ring of steel" which Germany complains is being forged about her by France. "The British government will have no lot or part in encirclement," Eden said.

Earlier in his speech the minister announced that the sanctions already imposed upon Italy by members of the League of Nations are achieving their purpose of hastening the cessation of war between Italy and Ethiopia. He failed to satisfy the opposition on the question of an oil embargo against Italy by sidestepping a definite commitment on such a boycott.

Ship Subsidy Measure Seems to Be Discarded

DEVELOPMENTS in Washington lead to the belief that the Copeland ship subsidy bill has been abandoned. Word came from the White House that the President, although he initiated the principles of the measure, would not press for its passage; and Senator Royal S. Copeland, whose commerce committee approved the bill which was a part of the administration program, is so irritated that he may drop it. Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania has prepared a rival measure, not yet introduced, and Senator Black of Alabama is opposed to the Copeland bill.

Sen. Copeland

Shipping interests have given warning that new construction for foreign trade will continue to be paralyzed by uncertainty and lead to additional insistence by the Navy department on the building of its own auxiliaries in partial compensation.

New Farm Relief Bill Sent to Conference

DIFFERENCES between the house and senate versions of the new farm relief measure were utterly irreconcilable, if you could take the work of the conferees of both bodies to whom the bill was sent. Nevertheless, it was expected the disputes would all be adjusted within a few days and the measure sent to the White House.

Senator Smith, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, voiced indignant opposition to a house amendment providing that tenant farmers and sharecroppers shall be included in cash benefits paid landowners for conserving soil and thus controlling production.

Neutrality Act Extended for Another Year

BOTH house and senate passed the resolution extending for one year the existing embargo on arms, ammunition, and implements of war, and prohibiting loans and credits to belligerents.

Senator Nye was out of the city when the senate assembled, an hour earlier than usual, to act on the measure. Hearing what was going on, he flew from Minneapolis through a storm and arrived five minutes before the final vote, but too late to put through any of his proposed amendments.

Puerto Rico Slayings May Start Reforms

POLITICAL conditions in Puerto Rico, notoriously unsatisfactory, may be rectified as a result of the assassination in San Juan of E. Francis Riggs, chief of the insular police, and a district police chief. Riggs, a former United States army colonel, was shot by two Nationalists; two hours later District Police Chief Francisco Velez N. Ortiz attempted to put down a Nationalist riot at a cafe in the central town of Utuado and was killed.

Gov. Blanton Winship announced that a full inquiry into the incidents would be energetically pushed. Deploring the slaying of Riggs as "dastardly," he asserted a revival of capital punishment and a ban against carrying of firearms, being urged upon the legislature, would prevent such crimes.

The assassins of Riggs were caught and admitted the killing, saying it was in revenge for the Rio Pedras "massacre" in which police killed four Nationalists last November. While being questioned, the murderers, the police said, reached for guns and were shot to death.

The Puerto Rican Nationalist movement is the island's group campaigning for independence from the United States.

Gen. "Billy" Mitchell Is Dead of Heart Attack

ONE of the most spectacular and dynamic figures in American life of today passed with the death of Brig. Gen. William Mitchell in a New York hospital. He succumbed to a heart attack and influenza at the age of fifty-seven years. "Billy," as he was known to airmen, was commander in chief of the American air forces in France during the World war and was decorated by six governments. Afterwards, while yet in the regular service, he severely criticized the government's air preparedness policy and was court-martialed and suspended. Immediately resigning, he devoted himself to lecturing and writing to further his demands for a separate department of aviation in the cabinet, combining both army and navy air defense. Gen. Charles P. Summerall once aptly described Mitchell as the kind of soldier "who is wonderful in war and terrible in peace."

SEC Head Is Worried by Stock Speculation

JAMES M. LANDIS, chairman of the securities and exchange commission, speaking at an alumni meeting at Princeton university, expressed great concern over increased stock market speculation, and set forth three methods, whereby the government might curb it. These are: Control of banks and brokerage credit, antimanipulation laws, and a program to educate the public against unwise stock purchases.

J. M. Landis

"One sees with concern," Landis said, "the efforts of traders to outguess events, like court decisions, and the increasing tendency subtly generated to induce people to pour their savings into the market with heedlessness as before.

"Still too prevalent, as our monthly reports show, is the tendency of officers and directors to toy with the stock of their corporations at the expense of their true responsibility of functioning as executives."

Interesting Selections of Convention Delegates

SELECTIONS of delegates to the national conventions, already being made in some states, are interesting, especially in the case of New York. Representative Fish, supporting Borah for the Republican Presidential nomination, led a hot fight to displace some of the "old guard" and lost, the state committee naming these delegates at large:

Charles D. Hilles and Mrs. Ruth Pratt, members of the national committee; Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, vice chairman of the state committee; Representative Bertrand H. Snell, minority leader of the house; Representative James W. Wadsworth, former United States senator; Edward H. Butler, publisher of the Buffalo Evening News; John R. Crews, Brooklyn Leader; Charles H. Griffiths, Westchester county chairman.

Tammany made public the list of its delegates to the Democratic convention, and it is headed by Alfred E. Smith, who will represent the tip of Manhattan and Staten island.

Couzens Is Investigating W. J. Cummings' Salaries

POSITIONS and salaries of Walter J. Cummings, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, are to be investigated by Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, in connection with his inquiry into appointments made under operations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in financing banks and railroads. The senator declared that Mr. Cummings is receiving more than $90,000 annually as a result of appointments obtained at the behest of the RFC. Mr. Cummings is receiving $75,000 annually as chairman of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust company of Chicago, according to Senator Couzens, who said that Cummings' recent appointment as trustee of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad to represent RFC interests meant an addition of $15,000 to his income annually.

Sen. Couzens

Mr. Cummings does not deny that he is receiving these salaries but contends they are justified.

Philadelphia Paper Wins Criminal Libel Suit

THE Philadelphia Inquirer, accused of criminal libel by Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti of Pennsylvania, was acquitted of the charge by a jury of five housewives and seven men. The costs of the trial, however, were placed on the defendant. The basis of the attorney general's charge was an article printed by the Inquirer on September 29, 1935, during a mayoralty campaign in Philadelphia, which said Mr. Margiotti's law partners and associates were planning a "big tax fee grab." Acquitted with the Inquirer were its editor, John Trevor Custis, and general manager, Charles A. Tyler, co-defendants.

Secret British Report on Ethiopia Published

CONSIDERABLE interest was aroused in Europe by the publication in a Rome newspaper of a "secret" report made by a British commission appointed in the spring of 1935 "to study British interests in Ethiopia."

The commission reported that it found no outstanding British interests in Ethiopia "of sufficient importance to justify his majesty's government in resisting Italian conquest in Ethiopia." It declared, however, that steps should be taken to safeguard British interests in Lake Tsana, source of the Blue Nile.

The document pointed out that the ultimate aim of Italy in Ethiopia was understood by the British foreign office even then—the report was submitted in July, 1935, three months before the war—to be "not pure and simple economic predominance" but absorption of Ethiopian territory.

The British foreign office did not deny the authenticity of the document, and it was suggested that the contents of the report should prove to the Italian people the sincerity of the British defense of the League of Nations principles since the report concludes that Italy's possession of Ethiopia would not threaten any essential British empire interest.

PROGRESS SPORTS

News of the Sport World, Mostly Local, in "The Friendly Newspaper That Dares To Tell The Truth"

Hugh Bradley Says:

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Mike Couldn't Imagine Joe Not Filling House

Mike Jacobs blames the Chicago Stadium management for the failure of the Louis-Retziaff affair to sell out. Believes that the house was scaled wrong, that is, the prices were out of line with what the public could bear. Undoubtedly a much better job was done when the Hearst A. C. glorified the Louis-Baer thing with its patron's press arrangements . . . Johnny McNaughton, for many years one of the most popular soccer officials, now manages Brooklyn's Galloping Gaels of St. Mary's

Jacobs

The chairman of the New York State Racing commission evidently understands the fine distinction between practicing and preaching. He told the national convention of turf solons that all suspended jockeys and trainers should be heaved out of the tracks for the entire period of the suspension. Last summer Clarence Buxton supposedly was suspended from the arenas ruled over by the N. Y. S. R. C.. Mr. Buxton then continued to do practically everything save saddle his own horses in the paddock . . . Pete Renzulli, who tended goal for the Giants when the late Charles A. Stoneham was a soccer magnate, now is treasurer of the New York State Junior Soccer league.

In Chicago the cads say that Freddy Lindstrom is very ambitious, that Charley Grimm likes managing the Cubs, and that when Charley quits liking to manage the Cubs the job definitely goes to Gabby Hartnett. That left Freddy just where he was in his saddest days with the Giants and so the star (always the heir-apparent but never the heir, if you get the general idea) was turned loose to try his luck in newer and more promising fields.

SOON the newspaper boys will be typing countless columns in the big-time baseball training camps. Wires that now sob the chill tidings concerning the defeat of another favorite at Hialeah will crackle joyfully with the red hot news about the deeds of a hundred corn-fed youngsters.

Since even the Dodgers or the Phillies might become pennant contenders if enough Ty Cobbs could be discovered among the newcomers it is only fair that a vast share of the springtime literature should be devoted to the rookies. Yet there does come the all too frequent moment when the writing brethren err.

Sadly they waft a tear in the direction of youthful giants eating two-dollar meals in four-dollar-a-day hotels. Then, with true poetic fervor, they compare the hopefuls to the flowers which must blush unseen or waste their fragrance on the unsympathetic ozone.

There never was a greater mistake. Perhaps there has been a rookie who could blush but—if so—his name is lost in the pages of forgotten time.

For instance there was a youngster who went South with the Giants not too many seasons ago. He was a red headed, likable kid from some place in New Jersey. Before the train had reached Manhattan Transfer he had given out news interviews, and at Trenton others improving on the first performance.

That kept up for a night and a day. He confided to the porter that he could play any place on the field and that he could throw strikes with either hand. In the club car his voice rose to new heights while he patiently explained that after getting an eyeful of him John McGraw would—. But let that go. It seems that he was mistaken on one or two counts in his build-up. After one glimpse of him in practice even his rookie mates knew that he could not throw with either hand and could not play any place. But he was right about one thing. Indeed he rather understated the case there.

McGraw.

He had promised that after one look at him McGraw would get an eyeful. McGraw got it and also seemed to become clogged up in other sections. So that rookie had one of the shortest trips on record.

TOPNOTCHERS by KET

Good Boxing at Madison Square

(By Frankie Neil)

Best fight of the evening was a go between Chris Barroza and Nash Perez, featherweights. They boxed a wonderful draw, action every second, had the crowd all but standing on its collective head throughout the match.

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Featherweights Joe Passoni & Bud Souza, a special go, punching all the time, hammer and tongs. Some fight. 'Twas a draw.

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Alameda County's Supervisor Cliff Wixson acted as a judge for the best fight, awarding the Barroza-Perez pair the prize of jewel ornaments of some kind.

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Caesar Fernandez and Welter Fernandez, lightweights, match was stopped in the first round as Walt had Caesar seizing the floor most of the time, and he finally wound up with his head in the resin box.

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Hugh Wedge and Hugh McPhillips, middleweights, boxed the main event. Neither the Hugh form Oakland—Wedge— nor the Hugh from San Mateo— McPhillips—were able to do much hewing, both contestants leaving the ring hale and hearty after the set-to. McPhillips was a little the cleverer, and got the decision.

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Golden Gloves Champ Doug Carver and Tom Segulja. Carver was not much of a carver, but he got the decision. Lots of punching. Segulja got in some good licks.

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Al Hernandez, El Cerrito junior lightweight, and Lee Grundy from Oakland boxed a good go to a draw.

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Oakland Joe Allen and San Jose Elmer McKay, welterweights, boxed four orunds to a decision for Allen. It was a rotten go, no action at all. They almost booed 'em out of the ring. They booed and booed and booed.

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Announcer Eddie Wuelzer said that the fans at Madison Squre Gardens in El Cerrito get more acaction for their forty cents than the fans at the big New York City Madison Square Garden get for forty bucks.

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I want to give it as my personal opinion that Ed spoke the truth. These young boxers at El Cerrito give a real run for the money. It is too bad the arena is not larger down there as the fans are often turned away. However, Promoter Louie Davis and the American Legion deserve a chance to come out on their investment in clean sport adn fans will do well to be patient for a time.

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Jimmy Duffy of Oakland was referee. Did a very nice job.

HARRY SKOW WILL MANAGE NAPA ROCK BALL TEAM

Good news for the baseball fans of Richmond is the fact that Harry Skow, premier local manager, will assume the mentorship of the fast Napa Rock aggregation that won such acclaim here last year.

As a bulwark of the team which should certainly go places in the local county league we note such well know players as "Jiggs" Wright, "Red" Strader, Joe Prolo, Frannie Kelleher, Mario Bassa, John Abreu, Joe Noonan (a former Sac), Art Agnew, and others.

Tom Shea & the Twilight League

Incidentally, and while we are on the subject of baseball, we wish to pay a tribute to the veteran, Tom Shea, who perhaps more than any one man is responsible for the great success of the Standard Oil Company's twiligth league.

The roster of players who, at one time or another have graced the First Street Ball Park, reads like the history of American baseball: Chick" Autry, Frank Schulte. Tony Lamarra, etc., etc., but always in the background, quietly working to make the SOCO Twilight League a success, has been the figure of Tom Shea.

This year, as the Progress gets better established, we are very desirous of giving the weekly resume of local sports. Not having the coconuts to hire any Damon Runyons or Grantland Rices to write up the local sportlights, we must perforce expete the local sportlovers to send in their contributions. Will YOU make an effort to do so?

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SUCH IS LIFE

By Charles Sughroe

The Hidden

A Sharp Lot, Down Maine

"Gimme an all-day sucker," the lad demanded of the candy man.

He was handed one.

"Looks kind of small," remarked the youth looking at it doubtfully.

"Yeah, the days are shorter."—Portland Express

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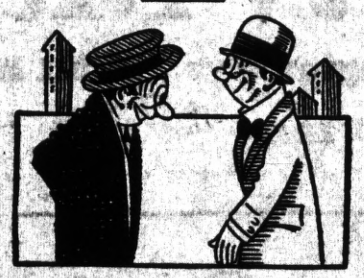


"Why do you always buy your clothes on the installment plan?"

"They try to give me stuff that will last until the installments are all paid."

Mutual

Judge—Have you any fixed abode?

Defendant—No; I'm on circuit like yourself.—Punch.

BUNKERED

His wife had been away for a week, and he had been looking after himself.

"How did you manage, you poor darling?" she asked on her return.

"I lived like a fighting-cock!" boasted her husband. "Bacon and tomatoes for breakfast. Steak or chop in the evenings. Oh, I've become an expert cook."

"But, dear, why bacon and tomatoes? You know you've always liked bacon and eggs."

"Well, I was beat there," he said, looking a little sheepish. "But tell me, dear, how do you manage to make eggs stick on the griller while you cook them?"—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Commercial-Minded

"Sentiment has united several great fortunes."

"Very beautifully," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "Now and then I think a wedding is neglected by the reporter in not being mentioned on the financial page as something incidentally in the nature of a merger."

OUT OF DATE

Mrs. Smith—Son writes that the college has offered him the chair of European history, whatever that is.

Mr. Smith—Prob'ly one o' them cast-off thrones. Hope he won't be sucker enough to pay much for it.

Double Sympathy

"Why did you stay away from school, Tommy?"

"Me mudder broke her arm."

"But why did you stay away two days?"

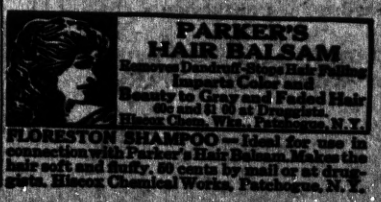
"She broke it in two places."

IF AND WHEN

"I know a minister who always has men in his congregation."

"How does he manage it?"

"He built a small chapel at the eighteenth hole and they attend after the game!"



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NOTES ON McCORD TRIAL

By Katherine McCracken
(Continued from Front Page)

however able, could have rescued the situation.

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Mr. Robert Collins then addressed the jury to the effect that Mrs. McCord had been an employee of the county since 1930 and that in all the five years she had rendered efficient service to the county, at a time when the economic situation of the country at large had been in chaos. That her books had been audited each year and found correct to the penny. And that Mrs. Iona Booth was called as a defense witness as well as by the prosecution. That there was on intent to defraud the county on the part of Mrs. McCord.

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Then Mr. Carlson arose and proceeded to use his eloquence to such an extent that there was not a dry eye in the courtroom. At least my own eyes were clouded, and I am used to such scenes from my courtroom experience in San Francisco. Attorney Carlson admitted that Mrs. McCord might have used irregular methods to reimburse herself for the $68.98 but that it was an honest mistake and if anv one of the attorneys in this case had been crucified as Mrs. McCord had been crucified for her mistake all of them would be hanging on the cross right now.

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But when our young and able District Attorney Francis Healey calmly and lucidly went over the testimony every one was impressed with the masterly way in which he presented the case for the prosecution, pointing out the discrepancies in the testimony of Mrs. McCord and the fact of her flight as soon as she learned that an indictment by the grand jury was imminent. Also the fact that she had remained away after she had learned of the fact of her indictment some time in May or June of last year and that she was living in Salt Lake City under the assumed name of Ruth Wilson.

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Judge Bray then instructed the jury impartially as to how they should deliberate, winding up his instructions to the effect that if they found the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable, if not a possible doubt and to a moral certainty, then they should so express their verdict, but if there was a reasonable doubt then they should find her not guilty.

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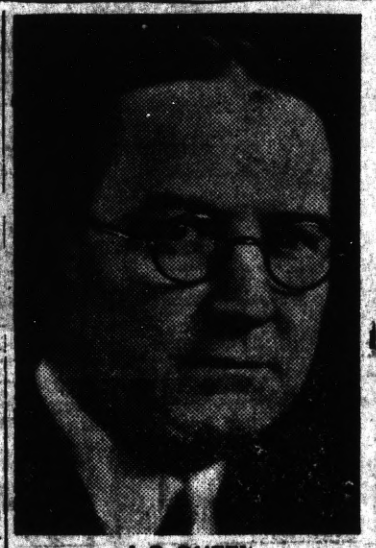
For Messrs. Carlson, Collins and Wight I would like to express myself here as having great respect for the wonderful defense they made, fighting their way inch by inch in a case in which there was little popular sympathy for the defendant, and a district attorney who was not overlooking any vital point for the prosecution as the trial progressed. This is the first Contra Costa County case, I have reported for our Point Richmond newspaper, probably will not be the last; and I want to state that if the lawyers and judge in this case are representative of all the lawyers in Contra Costa County then we may well be proud of them.

What Does a Farmer Do in the Winter?



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The Voice of the People

Editor Progress:

Along about this time of the year people are beginning to think of the presidential election which will be held next November. And friends are beginning to ask each other: "for whom are you going to vote?" Now I have made up my mind that if anyone asks me this question, my answer will be short and to the point: "Roosevelt!"

Mr. Editor, I think your readers will agree with me when I say that there may be some in this country who will argue the point. These people will pick the Kansas governor, the Chicago newspaperman, or the millionaire from New York, whoever the choice of the Republican party happens to be. At least certain metropolitan papers have such an idea.

When I say that I am going to vote for Roosevelt I say this is a choice made onthe basis of thinking the matter out rather than by any hit or miss process.

I intend to vote for the present President, Roosevelt, because he has been honest with the American peopel during the past three years of his office. Even his enemies will have to admit that at the time he took office the country was in a sorry plight. The opponents of the present Administration seem to have forgotten the tottering condition of the banks, the desperate condition of the farmers in the Middle West, and, literally, the millions of unemployed men who were standing in the bread lines in cities from New York to San Francisco. What is the situation today? We see the banks on a firm foundation, the farmers again see the ray of hope shining through the dark cloud of the depression and, best of all, the millions of men that have employment through the various agencies of the CWA, the SERA, and the WPA.

In connection with this last item, namely, with reference to "created" work" we note that there has been a great deal of criticism by the opposition. Whatever this criticism amounts to, I know for a fact that these agencies are almost to a man in back of the President. Let the Republicans say what they will, the rank-and-file of this country is "FOR ROOSEVELT."

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